

- [0023] The base 12 includes a recessed slot 28 running along the inside center bottom of the base 17 aligned with the knife slots 27a, 27b so the knife 30 can cut completely through the bottom of the bagel 11.
- [0024] Each of the end portions 13a-d include a triangular rib 31a-d extending downwardly from a mid-point 32a-d to the base 12. The ribs 31a-d serve two purposes--providing strength and rigidity to the end portions 13a-d and serving to center the bagel 11 in the holder 10. The upper edge 33a-d of the end portions 13a-d is sloped to facilitate entry of a knife into the space 27a, 27b.
- [0025] In operation, one simply inserts a bagel 11 into the holder 10 where it is guided into position by the ribs 31a-d. The knife 30 is then positioned in the slots 27a and 27b over the bagel 11. The two flexible sides 14a and 14b are squeezed together with one hand while holding the knife 30 and slicing through the bagel 11 held in place by the ribs 17a, 18a, 19a and 17b-d. The knife cuts totally through the bagel 11 as the knife 30 passes into the slots 28.
- [0026] While the device is described with respect to bagels 11, it can also be used to cut rolls and similar food products.
- [0027] While the invention has been explained by a detailed description of certain specific embodiments, it is understood that various modifications and substitutions can be made in any of them within the scope of the appended claims, which are intended also to include equivalents of such embodiments.

Claims

[c1]

A device for holding and slicing bagels with a knife comprising:

an elongated base having a first end, a second end and a slot extending axially therealong from the first end to the second end;

end portions extending vertically upward from the base at the first end and the second end, said end portions each comprising a pair of spaced members having a space therebetween extending downwardly into the base slot to permit passage of a knife;

a pair of spaced opposing side members flexibly attached to the base at one end of said side member and extending between the end portions of the base, said side members having inner and outer surfaces gripping means on the inner surfaces to securingly

engage a bagel and gripping means on the outer surface to facilitate gripping and squeezing the side members into engagement with the bagel;

wherein a bagel is held by the inner gripping means when the flexible side members are squeezed together and a knife slices the bagel, passing through space between the side members into the base slot.

[c2]

A device for holding and slicing bagels in accordance with Claim 1 wherein:

the device is a one piece molded plastic unit.

[c3]

A device for holding and slicing bagels in accordance with Claim 2 wherein:

the end portions each include triangular guide members extending downwardly from the end portion to the base to guide a bagel into position between the side members.

[c4]

A device for holding and slicing bagels in accordance with Claim 2 wherein:

the gripping means on the inner surface of the side members comprises a plurality of spaced ribs on the opposing surfaces thereof.

[c5]

A device for holding and slicing bagels in accordance with Claim 2 wherein:

the gripping means on the outer surfaces of the side members comprises a plurality of spaced ribs and an outwardly projecting outer surface on the upper portion thereof to permit gripping said members to squeeze a bagel between the side members.

[c6]

A device for holding and slicing bagels in accordance with Claim 2 wherein:

the end members each include an upper surface, said surface being sloped to facilitate entry of a knife in the space therebetween at each end.

[c7]

A device for holding and slicing bagels in accordance with Claim 1 wherein: